

**Senate File 2191 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 2082)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing an office within the department of public  
2 safety to oversee efforts to combat human trafficking.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1     Section 1.   NEW SECTION.   80.45   Office to combat human  
2   trafficking.

3     1.   An office to combat human trafficking is established  
4   within the department.   The purpose of the office is to oversee  
5   and coordinate efforts to combat human trafficking in this  
6   state.

7     2.   The commissioner shall appoint a coordinator to staff  
8   the office.   Additional staff may be hired, subject to the  
9   availability of funding.

10    3.   The office shall do all of the following:

11    *a.*   Serve as a point of contact for anti-human trafficking  
12   activity in this state.

13    *b.*   Consult with and work jointly with other governmental  
14   agencies and nongovernmental or community organizations that  
15   have expertise in the areas of human trafficking prevention,  
16   victim protection and assistance, law enforcement, and  
17   prosecution for the purpose of combatting human trafficking in  
18   this state.

19    *c.*   Develop a strategy to collect and maintain criminal  
20   history data on incidents related to human trafficking.

21    *d.*   Develop a strategy for sharing victim and offender data  
22   among governmental agencies.

23    *e.*   Apply for or assist other governmental agencies, as  
24   assistance is needed, to apply for grants to support human  
25   trafficking enforcement, prosecutions, trainings, and victim  
26   services.

27    *f.*   Research and recommend trainings to assist governmental  
28   agencies to identify and respond appropriately to human  
29   trafficking victims.

30    *g.*   Take other steps necessary to advance the purposes of the  
31   office.

32    *h.*   By November 1, 2017, and annually thereafter, submit a  
33   written report to the general assembly regarding the office's  
34   activities related to combatting human trafficking and  
35   occurrences of human trafficking within this state.

1     4. For purposes of this section, "*human trafficking*" means  
2 the same as defined in section 710A.1.

3                                   EXPLANATION

4             The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
5             the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

6     This bill establishes an office within the department of  
7 public safety to oversee and coordinate efforts to combat human  
8 trafficking in this state.

9     The bill directs the commissioner of public safety to  
10 appoint a coordinator to staff the office. Additional staff  
11 may be hired, subject to the availability of funding.

12     The bill provides that the office shall serve as a point  
13 of contact for anti-human trafficking activity in Iowa. The  
14 office shall also consult with and work jointly with other  
15 governmental agencies and nongovernmental or community  
16 organizations that have expertise in the areas of human  
17 trafficking prevention, victim protection and assistance, law  
18 enforcement, and prosecution to combat human trafficking in  
19 the state. The office shall develop strategies to collect  
20 and maintain criminal history data on incidents related to  
21 human trafficking and to share victim and offender data among  
22 governmental agencies. The office shall apply for or assist  
23 other governmental agencies, as assistance is needed, to  
24 apply for grants to support human trafficking enforcement,  
25 prosecutions, trainings, and victim services. The office  
26 shall research and recommend trainings to assist governmental  
27 agencies to identify and respond appropriately to human  
28 trafficking victims. The office shall take other steps  
29 necessary to oversee and coordinate efforts to combat human  
30 trafficking in Iowa.

31     The bill requires the office, by November 1, 2017, and  
32 annually thereafter, to submit a written report to the  
33 general assembly regarding the office's activities related  
34 to combatting human trafficking and occurrences of human  
35 trafficking in Iowa.